"Es Selamu Aleikum."

Ancient

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

OFFICE OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°,
Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.

New York, May 1st, 1883.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:

The Imperial Council for the United States of America will hold its Ninth Annual Session in the City of New York, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1883, at Masonic Temple, at 2 o'clock P.M.

THE TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

will take place during this Session, and other very important business will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and Representatives will be in attendance.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.—A copy of the Revised Statutes and Regulations, embracing the History of the Order and a detail of all necessary information, having been sent to each Subordinate Temple and Deputy, you are hereby respectfully referred to Section I. of the Statutes, for the selection of Active Members of the Imperial Council for the next Triennial Term, as the term of all Actives and Deputies expires at this session, unless re-elected.

Subordinate Temples, in arrears for Dues and Initiation Fees to the Imperial Council, are respectfully requested to make immediate returns, to December 31, 1882.

All individual members of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fee, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Ill. Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the requirements of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by the above-mentioned Sections.

The Presiding Officer of each Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Ill. Recorder to make out a *complete list of membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation*, and to make such return to this Grand Body on or before its coming annual session, June 6, 1883, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Certificates for every member will be immediately filled out by the Ill. Grand Recorder and forwarded to their respective Temples (in accordance with Sections XXI. and XXXIX.).

RETURNS.—In accordance with the above instructions, the Recorder of each Temple will make a full report of all members, in order that they may be published in the next Annual Proceedings.

All Deputies of the Imperial Council are hereby ordered to make their full returns, on or before the coming session, and are referred to Section XX. of the Statutes for their guidance and information.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All Subordinate Temples and Deputies not provided with the revised Ritual are requested to bring or send their old copies of the Ritual, and receive the newly-authorized esoteric work, and give their receipt for the same.

All copies sent by mail or express should be securely wrapped and sealed, and directed to the M.·. I.·. Grand Potentate. The price of additional or extra copies of Ritual, to such as are entitled to hold the same, will be Five Dollars for each copy.

Your presence at this coming session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

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